



C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

June 2, 2005

The Permitting Staff of DHEC-OCRM is proposing to change the drawing requirements for critical area permit applications. Staff has decided to require professional drawings for **all permit applications and amendments**, not limited to docks. Beginning **July 1, 2005**, all applications must be accompanied with drawings produced by one of four professional groups: surveyors, engineers, landscape architects, and marine contractors, all of which must be licensed with the State of South Carolina. Each drawing must be stamped by that professional and must include all required measurements, dimensions, widths, etc...that Permitting Staff ordinarily requires. Drawings submitted by licensed marine contractors must be based upon surveyed plats or other appropriate site boundary drawings or determinations. The process of gathering information for the drawing(s) will be left in the professional individual's charge. Applications with drawings judged to be inexact and unprofessional will not be placed on Public Notice and will be returned to the applicant.

As a second component to these changes, we will also require as-built surveys on each and every issued **dock permit**. Surveys must include components of the typical dock drawing but also the walkway start and end point must be geographically located with a Global Positioning System (GPS) and shown in the State Plane Coordinate datum. The survey will be required 3 months after expiration date of the most recently issued construction placard and all pertinent dock structures must be shown on the survey. The reason for this requirement is to streamline the compliance process.

If interested, please provide comments to this proposal by June 31, 2005.

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